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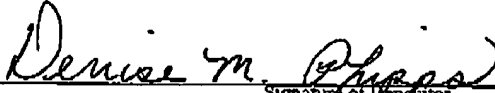
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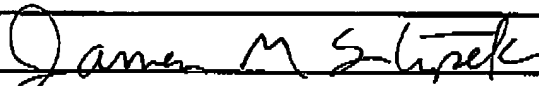
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| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
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| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | |
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| 1808 | 180 | 2808 | 90 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt. | |
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